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Comments sought on the Boulder Creek Restoration Project (BCRP)

Bonnerr's Ferry, Idaho (October 5, 2017) – The Idaho Panhandle National Forests is seeking public comments on the Boulder Creek Restoration Project located on the Bonners Ferry Ranger District. The public comment period is open for 30 days and comments will be accepted through November 6, 2017.

The BCRP project is a vegetation management project designed to address forest health and resilience, wildlife habitat, watershed health, hazardous fuels, recreation trails, and a number of other resource issues. Within the 41,613 acre project area, about 7,400 acres of prescribed burning and about 3,400 acres of commercial vegetation management are proposed on National Forest System lands. The complete environmental analysis (EA), along with project information and comment instructions are available on the Idaho Panhandle National Forests website at:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44066>

The project was developed in collaboration with the Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative (KVRI) to complement other landscape restoration work in the Lower Kootenai River Valley. The KVRI collaborative consists of the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, Boundary County, City of Bonners Ferry, private citizens, landowners, Federal and State agencies, conservation/environmental advocacy groups, and representatives of business and industry.

Kevin Knauth, the Bonners Ferry District Ranger, would like to thank all of the stakeholders involved in the project planning efforts. Please contact Doug Nishek, Project Team Leader, at dnishek@fs.fed.us or 208-267-5561 with any questions about this project.